

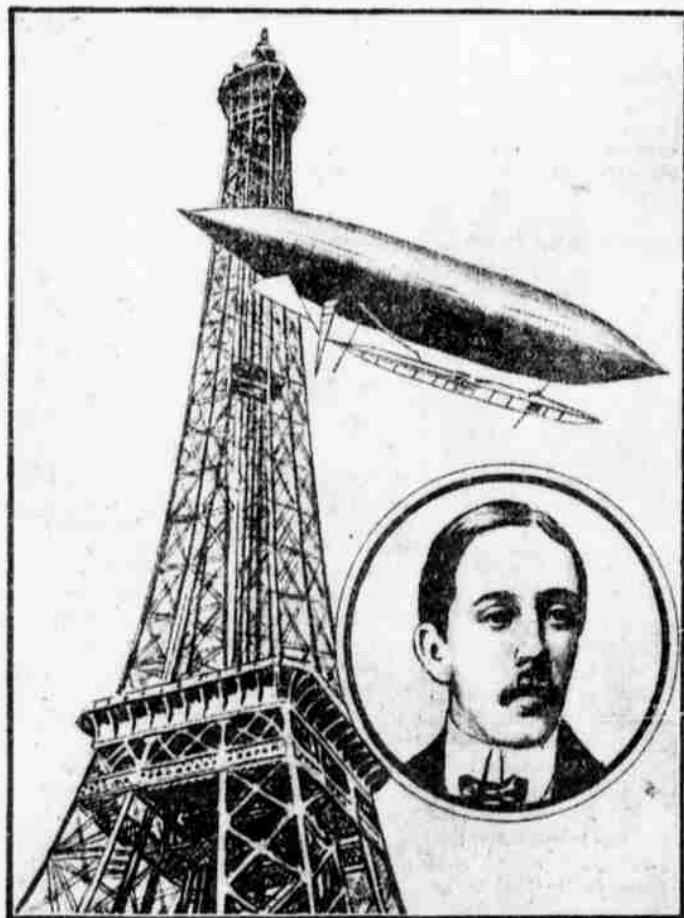
TERRIBLE FIGHTING FORCE TO SUPPLANT WARSHIPS

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Expert Discourses on Japan's Navy Increase, and the Probabilities Which Airships Hold Forth for the Dogs of War.

JAPAN is doubling its fighting strength on water. The eyes of the whole world are on the oriental kingdom, for the Japanese admiralty has started a decided innovation in accomplishing that purpose. An almost unbelievable amount of cash is not expended in this movement, but the Russian vessels, captured in the Russo-Japanese war, are being re-equipped, re-armed, more guns are being installed and the general appearance and strength of the entire navy, including the craft which were under the mikado's jurisdiction before the war, is being heightened. Into Japan's plans are being thrown the most modern of ideas and every possible weakness, noted in the recent war, is being banished in the strengthening process. Since the recent installation of a new Japanese cabinet, a part announcement of plans has been

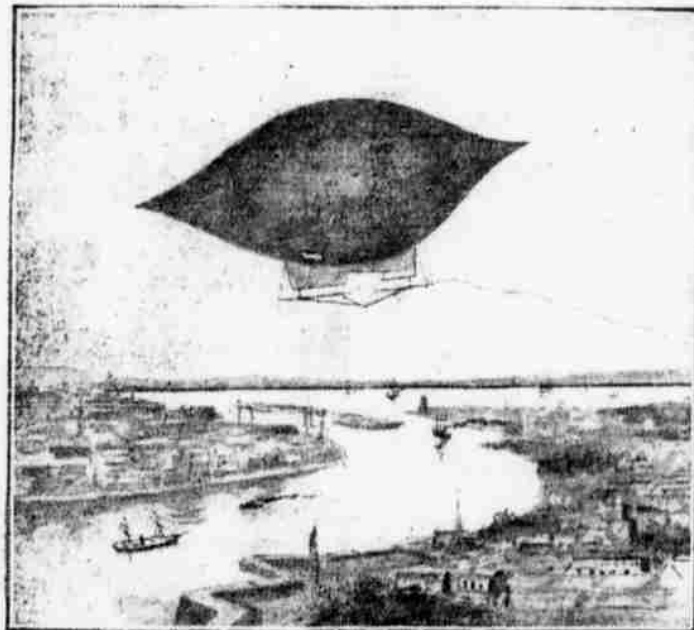


Santos-Dumont and His Airship.

will recall the session of parliament which dealt with the last British naval budget, the largest in the history of the nation. Emperor William of Germany, it was reported at the time, addressed a personal communication to Lord Tweedmouth, who had charge of the naval end of England's welfare, asking the latter to cut his naval budget. This story was not denied, but talk of it was so avoided by officials that the British public to-day believe that the letter actually was received. It aroused criticism from all Britain. It is said that the Kaiser realized that the two biggest nations of the old world must keep pace with each other in this line, and perhaps feeling that a large expenditure by Germany was not advisable, realized that the only avenue of exit from such a possibility was to see the British budget reduced.

President Roosevelt's feelings on the matter were amply told in the record of the last congress when he tried to get that august body to appropriate for four new warships. However, there were too many men of peaceful and public buildings inclinations among the wearers of the toga and they dealt a solar plexus blow to the project, from which it only half recovered—to the extent of two warships. Both of these vessels have already been launched.

With Japan, the little terror of the far east, furnishing up its navy, the probabilities are that the powers may go even farther next year in expenditures for warships, and the only block to the great amount expended seems to be the devising of some new mode



Prof. Carl Meyers' Electrical Aerial Torpedo.

given to the world, and by the exertion of bits of imagination here and there naval experts declare they foresee one of the strongest navies which ever kicked up spray in the Pacific.

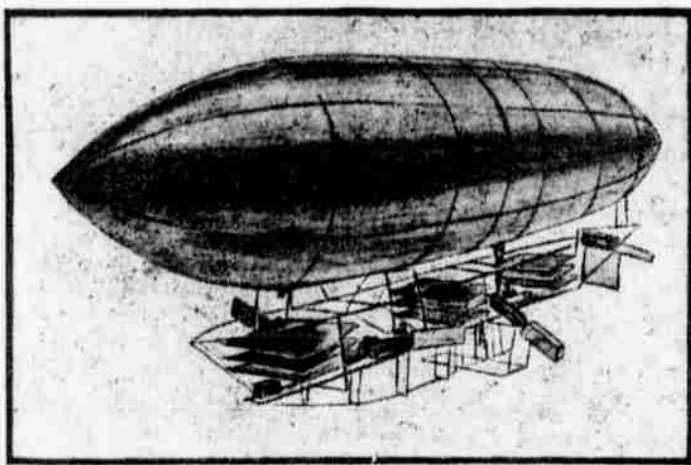
Here's the way it's being done, this being the official announcement given out by the Japanese admiralty bureau at Tokyo:

"The Japanese admiralty has decided upon a large scheme of rearmament instead of building new ships, the armaments of the old will be altered so as to bring them into line with the most modern ideas and with the requirements indicated by the war with Russia. Thus vessels of the Mikasa type which have hitherto carried four 12-inch guns and 14 six-inch will henceforth carry four ten-inch instead of 14 six-inch, so that their principal armament will be brought up to eight pieces of heavy caliber. In fact, their fighting strength will be doubled. Similarly in the case of vessels like the Retvizan, taken during the war, their new armament will consist of four 12-inch and four ten-inch pieces, the latter being substituted for the 12 six-inch which these vessels originally carried.

"When the programme is carried out it will have the advantage of creating a thoroughly homogeneous fighting force.

"First-class cruisers are to be added to the navy. These ships will have a displacement of 18,000 tons with a horse power of 44,000 and a speed of 25 knots. They will be 450 feet long over all with 80 feet beam and a draft of 25 feet. Their armor will be seven inches and their armament will consist of ten 12-inch guns, some six-inch and ten 4.7-inch. One of these ships is to be built at Kure."

Every year naval efficiency is reaching a higher plane and experts declare it to be a physiological certainty that a more powerful mode of warfare on the water must come. That has been the trend of events from time memorial. One may go back into history to the time when the Norse-



Model of England's Military Airship.

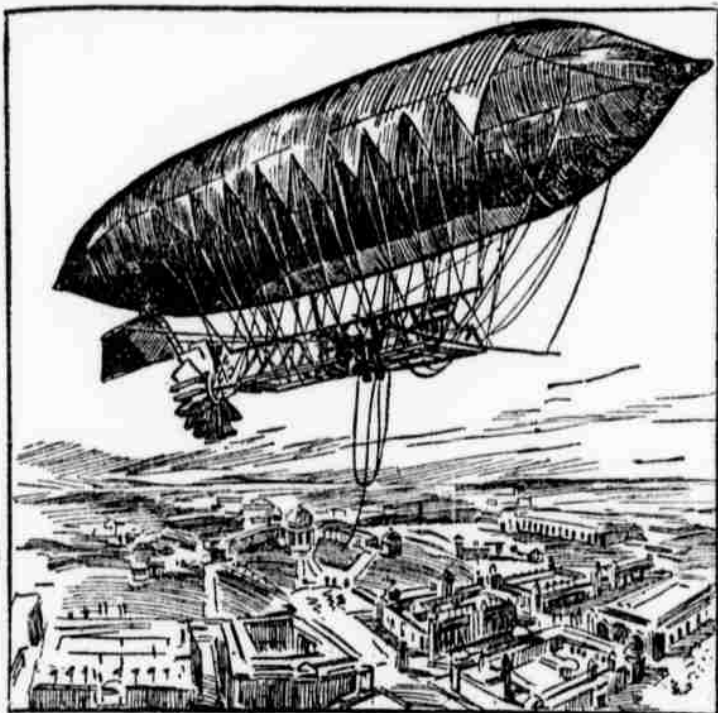
ment. But the Monitor came along with its revolving turret, ironclad, and, northerners say, beated the Merrimac. Right in that battle were two steps in naval progress, and Capt. Ericsson, whose family tree dates back to the times of the Norseman,

Of course every country maintains a land force, but all realize that the best move against an oncoming enemy is to beat them to the battlefield, and as a consequence, the usual approach being water, the navies of the world are strengthened to their top-most point. Russia has not yet recovered from its set-to with the mikado's subjects, but the scrap left the Japs with a few more battle-ships and a splendid plan for strengthening their navy without expending great sums of money and contracting new loans.

Going farther into the probabilities of the new style of warfare which seems imminent, we may have battles of the air—a very dangerous mode of scrapping to the uninterested spectator below. Probably that would be the deadliest sort of combat known, for in "sinking" an airship every man aboard would undoubtedly be killed by hard compact with mother earth.

Then, on the other hand, perhaps there will be no future wars, at least among the large and civilized powers. Of course the barbarians will break out occasionally, but among the bigger nations there are now so many peace bodies that one has to walk about carefully in order not to encounter doves of peace, minus feathers. There are dozens of international peace and arbitration societies whose one theme is "don't shoot," and these hold sessions annually. It is said that they really cement relations between countries and the time may come when they will become so numerous that conflict will be impossible without slaying brothers. The Hague tribunal is an other medium of the big powers, always ready to decide little disputes which threaten to develop into "international complications."

As a consequence it looks dark for the dogs of war and just as ink for the men of peace, who would keep the canines tied. But come what will, within a generation or two the world is to be given some new fighting force which will astound the nations, not in the secret, to such an extent that there will either be an entire cessation of all hostilities or some two will get together and one will be made such a beautiful example of that the watching nations will decide that Gen. Sherman was right about war.



Capt. Baldwin's Airship.

men fought from rafts. Later came their crude canoes and then the Vikings. Several hundred years elapsed and big nations fought from behind bulwarks on wooden ships. Efforts were then made to put speed into the sailing vessels. The discovery of the steam engine helped this. Then came the eventual discarding of wooden vessels. This was brought about in America when the battle between the Monitor and Merrimac was fought and the fight in itself marked a step in naval warfare. The Merrimac embodied an idea up to that time unthought of in its armor of steel rails laid half a foot or more thick on its sides and top. No shells of that time were found able to pierce this arrange-

MISSOURI NEWS

Negroes Dread Springfield.
Mexico—Fearful of being again attacked, a score or more of negro refugees from Springfield, Ill., are camped here in the negro districts and no amount of persuasion by their brethren will induce them to return to Illinois. At Centralia, 12 miles west of here, a family of negroes arrived one member of which was badly wounded as a result of the recent riot. All the negroes are destitute.

John Rathel Dies at 97.
Jefferson City—John Rathel, the oldest citizen of Jefferson City, is dead. He was born at Brayer, Germany, 97 years ago and had been a resident of the United States since 1839. Of late years he had made his home with relatives in this city. He leaves a large number of relatives in this city, Cole and adjoining counties, and also several relatives in St. Louis.

Pays \$2,000 for One Hog.
Kirksville—Fifty head of Berkshire hogs were sold at the Kinkadee sale here, bringing \$7,391.50. W. E. Darnell of Arlington, Ill., paid \$2,000 for one. G. C. Council of Vandalla, Ill., paid \$1,012.50 for one. The average price on the other 48 hogs was \$89. The sale was well attended and said to be one of the best held.

Bell's Plans for Infirmary Adopted.
Palmyra—The county court of Marion county met at Palmyra to consider the various plans submitted for the erection of the new county infirmary, for which \$70,000 was recently voted by Marion county. The new infirmary will provide for the feeble-minded and the unfortunate of the county.

Fall Kills Contractor.
St. Joseph—Oscar Wright, 31 years old, a cement contractor, was killed at the packing plant of Swift & Co., while superintending a job of work. A large bucket filled with cement swung around with terrific force, knocking Wright from a platform. He fell 40 feet to the ground.

Baby Is Born on Train.
La Plata—While traveling on a Wabash train between La Plata and Atlanta, Mo., Mrs. Roy Union of St. Louis gave birth to a baby boy. The passengers contributed a purse of coins to the baby, which will be named Wabash. Mrs. Union is now in La Plata with friends.

Innocent, He Serves Two Years.
Jefferson City—Gov. Folk granted a parole to Menzo Plattner, sentenced in Jasper county, in May, 1906, to four years, for assault. He was released. Judge Howard Gray, before whom Plattner was convicted, recommended the parole, as evidence, since developed, establishes his innocence.

French Nobleman in Prison.
Springfield—A letter was received by Attorney Val Mason from Father Gretchen, a priest in Paris, telling that Alphonse Gregorius, who was sent to the state penitentiary from Greene county in March, 1907, to serve seven years on a charge of burglary and larceny, is a duke of the old Bourbon house of France.

Old Settlers' Reunion.
Lebanon—The Laclede County Old Settlers' association will hold its second annual reunion in this city Friday, Sept. 4. A large attendance of the citizens of the county doubtless will be present. Dr. James McComb is president of the association and J. W. Farris is secretary.

Fatally Burned by Gasoline.
Breckenridge—Mrs. Frank Griffin, in trying to kindle a fire in her kitchen stove, poured gasoline on the fire for coal oil. It exploded, fatally burning her. She died in a few hours. She is survived by a husband and three small children.

Convicted on Girl's Charge.
Richland—David Bailey was convicted by a jury on a charge of attempted betrayal of Miss Eldie Hammer, and sentenced to three months in jail and to pay a fine of \$100. Bailey is 36 years old and is married. Miss Hammer is 21 years old.

Dynamiters Wreck Blacksmith Shop.
Springfield—The blacksmithshop of F. G. Hammer, eight miles north of Stoutland, Camden county, was dynamited. An effort is being made to get bloodhounds to trail the dynamiters. A few days ago a bomb was thrown at Hammer's house.

Joseph A. Bailey Dead.
Kansas City, Mo.—Joseph A. Bailey, a wholesale dealer in plumbing supplies in this city and Memphis, Tenn., died suddenly on a train near Topeka, Kas., Friday, aged 55 years.

Fatally Burned by Gasoline Stove.
Sedalia—Mrs. Nancy McGrady, the widow of Daniel McGrady, formerly a resident of Sedalia, was fatally burned at her home near Greenridge by the explosion of a gasoline stove. Mrs. McGrady, and her two children were severely burned by the explosion.

Prof. Reavis Weds in Smithton.
Smithton—Prof. G. H. Reavis of Breckenridge and Miss Lena Jackson of this city were married here by Rev. F. S. Beggs.

HIS OPINION OF FIELDING.

At Least, Only Kind Young Broker Knew Anything About.

A young broker in Boston, while visiting a certain household in the Hub not long ago, encountered a number of young women graduates whose conversation suddenly turned to a discussion of the development of the English novel.

The dealer in stocks and bonds speedily found himself "out of it." Presently, during a lull, one young woman asked him:

"What do you think of Fielding, Mr. Brown?"

"Oh, Fielding is important, of course," quickly responded the broker, "but it isn't worth much unless you've got good pitchers and men who can hit the ball."—Harper's Weekly.

ECZEMA FOR 55 YEARS.

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LUKEWARM LOVER.



The Girl—Yes, Willie, I think we'd better call our engagement off!

The Boy—Why, Genevieve?

The Girl—Well, I'm just thinkin' that any man that can sit with his back to a girl, fishin' for four hours, ain't very much in love!

Those Men!

"I went into the office looking like a fright," said the woman. "I didn't have a chance to straighten my hat or pat my hair or anything. I had intended to primp going up in the elevator, but there was a man standing before each mirror twirling his mustache and I couldn't even get a peep at myself."

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